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Applicants: THORSBAKKEN et al. Examiner: Cleary, T.  
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REQUESTS USING A FAIRNESS THROTTLE

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TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are submitting herewith the following:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet
- ☒ Office Action Response, pages 1-14.
- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (USYS.088PA).

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 14, 2005, please consider the remarks that follow. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.